FST-CV-22-6055866-S

OFFICE OF CHIEF DISCIPLINARY COUNSEL

VS.

CARL FERRARO

SUPERIOR COURT

J.D. OF STAMFORD/NORWALK AT STAMFORD

JUNE 14, 2022

STATEWIDE GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE REPORT PURSUANT TO PRACTICE BOOK § 2-52(b)

Pursuant to Practice Book § 2-52(b), the Statewide Grievance Committee submits the following report regarding the Respondent's present disciplinary status:

- 1. The Respondent, Carl Ferraro, juris number 403619, was admitted to the bar of the State of Connecticut on December 7, 1990.
- 2. The Respondent completed his annual registration on February 24, 2022. He has paid the 2021 Client Security Fund Fee, but has not paid the 2022 Client Security Fund Fee. By Order of the Superior Court dated March 15, 2022, the Respondent was placed on interim suspension. (Entry No. 104.00.) Accordingly, the Respondent is not currently in good standing with the bar.
 - 3. The Respondent is presently the subject of eight (8) grievance complaints:
- a. Grievance Complaint # 22-0115, <u>Darcy v. Carl Ferraro</u>, was filed on March 3, 2022. The Complainant alleges that she and her husband retained the Respondent to represent them in connection with the sale of their home. Following the closing, Attorney Ferraro distributed the proceeds to the Complainant and her husband via a check drawn on Attorney Ferraro's IOLTA account, which check was subsequently dishonored due to insufficient funds. This matter is pending before the Stamford/Norwalk Judicial District Grievance Panel.
- b. Grievance Complaint # 22-0134, <u>Apostolidis v. Carl Ferraro</u>, was filed on March 14, 2022. The Complainant alleges that she and her siblings retained Attorney Ferraro in connection with the sale of real property. Following the closing, Attorney Ferraro failed to make a

full distribution of the sale proceeds. This matter is pending before the Stamford/Norwalk Judicial District Grievance Panel.

- c. Grievance Complaint # 22-0149, Maruca v. Carl Ferraro, was filed on March 16, 2022. The Complainant alleges that he and his partner retained Attorney Ferraro in connection with the sale of several real properties. Attorney Ferraro failed to distribute the Complainant's share of the proceeds of the sales to the Complainant following the closings. This matter is pending before the Stamford/Norwalk Judicial District Grievance Panel.
- d. Grievance Complaint #22-0161, Murphy v. Carl Ferraro, was filed on March 21, 2022. The Complainant alleges that he retained Attorney Ferraro in connection with the sale of certain real property. Attorney Ferraro failed to distribute the proceeds of the sale to the Complainant following the closing. This matter is pending before the Stamford/Norwalk Judicial District Grievance Panel.
- e. Grievance Complaint # 22-0189, <u>Jensen v. Carl Ferraro</u>, was filed on April 4, 2022. The Complainant alleges that he retained Attorney Ferraro in connection with the sale of his home. Following the closing, Attorney Ferraro failed to distribute the proceeds to the Complainant. This matter is pending before the Stamford/Norwalk Judicial District Grievance Panel.
- f. Grievance Complaint # 22-0201, Schnitzler v. Carl Ferraro, was filed on April 13, 2022. The Complainant alleges that he represented the buyers, and the Attorney Ferraro represented the sellers, in connection with a transaction concerning certain real property. Following the closing, Attorney Ferraro failed to make the payment of the sellers' mortgage on the property, despite having confirmed that he received the funds via a wire transfer from the Complainant. This matter is pending before the Stamford/Norwalk Judicial District Grievance Panel.
- g. Grievance Complaint # 22-0212, <u>Jensen v. Carl Ferraro</u>, was filed on April 19, 2022. The Complainant alleges that she was the seller's listing agent and Attorney Ferraro was the seller's attorney in connection with the sale of a home. Following the closing, Attorney Ferraro

failed to make payment to the Complainant of her fee and failed to deliver to the seller the sale

proceeds. This matter is pending before the Stamford/Norwalk Judicial District Grievance Panel.

h. Grievance Complaint # 22-0286, <u>Highsmith v. Carl Ferraro</u>, was filed on

May 26, 2022. The Complainant alleges that she made a down payment in connection with the

purchase of certain real property. The down payment was to be held in escrow by Attorney Ferraro,

who represented the seller. The Complainant was advised by her attorneys that the monies held by

Attorney Ferraro are now missing. This matter is pending before the Stamford/Norwalk Judicial

District Grievance Panel.

4. The Respondent's registration indicates that he maintains an IOLTA account at

Patriot National Bank in Norwalk, Connecticut with account number ending **82.

5. The Respondent is presently the subject of one overdraft investigation. ON#22-

0021, In re Carl Ferraro, was opened on April 7, 2022. The Respondent has not responded to

requests for information sent by this office on April 19, 2022, and May 25, 2022.

6. There are currently claims pending with the Client Security Fund.

7. All of the disciplinary investigations currently pending before the Statewide

Grievance Committee would be administratively disposed of if the Court accepts the Respondent's

resignation from the Bar and his waiver of the right to apply for reinstatement.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATION OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Statewide Grievance Committee Report was sent on this 14th day of June, 2022, to the following:

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